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U.S. Share Falls to 29% in 2nd SBS Rice Tender 2001

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Report Highlights:

On August 31, 2001 the Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) conducted its second SBS rice tender for Japan Fiscal Year 2001. A total of 25,000 metric tons of foreign rice was contracted with China accounting for 16,000 metric tons, or 64.0 percent of the total. Contracts for U.S. rice totaled 7,201 metric tons for a 28.8 percent market share and Australia rice totaled 1,671 metric tons or 6.7 percent of the total.

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On August 31 the Food Agency (FA) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) conducted its second Simultaneous Buy and Sell (SBS) rice tender under the Uruguay Round minimum access agreement for Japan Fiscal Year 2001 (April 2001 - March 2002). A total of 25,000 metric tons of foreign rice was contracted (22,500 tons for table rice and 2,500 tons of broken rice for processing). China and the United States were the largest suppliers with China securing 16,000 metric tons, or 64.0 percent market share, and the United States accounting for 7,201 metric tons, or 28.8 percent market share.

Imports of Chinese short-grain, milled rice continue to outpace U.S. produce. Of total contracted U.S. rice, broken rice comprised the majority of tonnage. The following tables show the overall results for the first and second tenders and the detailed results for the second tender.

Second SBS Tender (August 31, 2001):									
	China	U.S.	Thailand	Australia	Vietnam	Pakistan	Spain	Italy	Total
Quantity (MT)	16,000	7,201	57	1,671	0	36	18	17	25,000
Share (%)	64.0	28.8	0.2	6.7	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	100.0
First SBS Tender (May 30, 2001):									
	China	U.S.	Thailand	Australia	Vietnam	Pakistan	India	Italy	Total
Quantity (MT)	11,262	8,985	78	4,640	0	18	0	17	25,000
Share (%)	45.0	35.9	0.3	18.6	-	0.1	-	0.1	100.0

Results of 2nd JFY'2001 SBS Tender
(Metric Tons, Yen/Metric Ton)

Country	Type	Quantity Applied (MT)	Quantity Awarded (MT)	Food Agency's Purchase Price (\$/MT)	Food Agency's Selling Price (\$/MT)	Mark-up (\$/MT)
U.S.A.	Short/Brown	901	684	658	2,190	1,532
	Short/Milled	6,914	3,407	648	2,147	1,499
	Medium/Milled	54	54	538	2,059	1,521
	Glut./Short/Milled	2,994	1,341	607	2,119	1,512
	Broken/Milled	7,669	1,715	439	967	528
	TOTAL	18,532	7,201	-	-	-

China	Short/Brown	198	198	557	2,054	1,497
	Long/Brown	20	20	882	2,521	1,639
	Short/Milled	40,885	15,180	596	2,092	1,496
	Glut./Short/Milled	690	150	674	2,162	1,488
	Broken/Milled	2,652	452	449	968	519
	TOTAL	44,445	16,000	-	-	-
Australia	Short/Brown	-	-	-	-	-
	Short/Milled	3,384	1,338	598	2,079	1,481
	Broken/Milled	743	333	412	944	532
	TOTAL	4,127	1,671	-	-	-
Thailand	Long/Milled	53	17	517	2,046	1,529
	Glut./Long/Milled	40	40	517	2,042	1,625
	Broken/Milled	654	0	-	-	-
	TOTAL	747	57	-	-	-
Vietnam	Short/Milled	362	0	-	-	-
Pakistan	Long/Milled	36	36	1,034	2,508	1,474
India	Long/Milled	18	0	-	-	-
Spain	Short/Brown	18	18	2,563	4,038	1,475
Italy	Medium/Milled	17	17	1,286	2,815	1,529
GRAND TOTAL		68,302	25,000	-	-	-

Note: Exchange rate used: \$1 = 119 yen